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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SUDAN TO RAISE HORN ISSUES AT SADAT/ASSAD/NIMEIRI SUMMIT

1. INITIAL RECEPTION AT NEW KHARTOUM HILTON FEB. 25 GAVE
ME OPPORTUNITY REVIEW AREA DEVELOPMENTS WITH PRIMIN RASHID
AL-TAHIR BAKR. PRIMIN OPINED "CLASH" LIKELY BETWEEN ETHIOPIA
AND SOMALIA OVER DJIBOUTI AFTER LATTER INDEPENDENT. THIS HE
THOUGHT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW SOMALIS AWAY
FROM USSR AND WOULD BE AMONG TOPICS TO BE
DISCUSSED WITH SADAT AND ASSAD AT FEB. 27-28 KHARTOUM "SUMMIT".
I COMMENTED THAT WE HOPED CONFRONTATION OVER DJIBOUTI COULD BE
AVOIDED. PRIMIN DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY BUT SAID BOTH SAUDIS
AND KUWAITIS IN HIS RECENT VISITS THERE HAD SEEMED TO SHARE
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HIS ASSESSMENT.

2. PRIMIN CLAIMED ETHIOPIA, UGANDA AND LIBYA ALL FOLLOWING
ANTI-SUDAN POLICIES IN RESPONSE GUIDANCE/ENCOURAGEMENT FROM
USSR. I EXPRESSED DOUBT RE LATTER POINT, NOTING WE HAD SEEN
NOTHING TO SUGGEST ANY SUCH ACTIVE COORDINATION. IT MIGHT
RATHER BE THAT MOSCOW SIMPLY WAS NOT UNHAPPY AT RECENT AREA

DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING SUDAN. PRIMIN INDICATED THIS MIGHT BE CLOSER TO THE MARK.

3. COMMENT: SEEMS CLEAR PRIMIN'S COMMENTS FORESHADOW GOS POSITION ON RED SEA SECURITY ISSUE AT COMING "SUMMIT". HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT MODERATE ARABS WOULD NOT BE UNHAPPY IF DJIBOUTI ISSUE WERE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF A SOMALIA WHICH HAD IN PROCESS ENDED ITS SPECIAL TIES WITH SOVIETS. PRIMIN APPARENTLY REGARDS RADICAL ETHIOPIA WITH CLOSE TIES WITH MOSCOW AS GREATER THREAT TO RED SEA AREA, AND NOTABLY SUDAN, THAN POSED IN PAST BY SOVIET/SOMALI RELATIONSHIP IN MORE REMOTE CORNER OF THE HORN.
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